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DASN (ACQ)

Effective 1 Nov 02, the Acquisition Reform Office (ARO) and the Office of the Deputy for Acquisition and Business Management (ABM) merged to become the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition Management (DASN(Acq)). As Mr. Young, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, stated "This takes the office which focuses on business policy and implementation and infuses it with the innovative thinking and ideas of the office dedicated to reforming the way we do business." In short, the merger is intended to create synergies that should improve the overall effectiveness of the new organization. DASN(Acq) intends to provide the Navy Acquisition Executive with the best business advice, to act on his behalf when empowered, and to lead the DON in continuously improving acquisition processes essential to delivering better products and services to the warfighter in a smarter, cheaper, faster fashion.

Authoritative guidelines, policies, procedures, visions, goals and examples of how the workforce is successfully employing the various acquisition reform initiatives through success stories can be found at www.acquisition.navy.mil, which provides links to the former ARO and ABM websites (www.ar.navy.mil and www.abm.rda.hq.navy.mil).

DAU CLC offers course in Profit Policy Revisions

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Continuous Learning Center (CLC) is providing an online module in Profit Policy Revisions for the Acquisition community. The module provides information on Profit Policy Revisions changes that are addressed in DOD's profit policy as a result of DFARS Cases 2000-D300 and 2000-D018. These cases resulted in changes to the performance risk factor; the facilities capital employed, and added a new cost efficiency factor. This course is policy awareness training, and is a non-graded. A certificate will not be received upon completion of this course; however, this course will provide .5 continuous learning points (CLP). The module is available to all users of the DAU CLC at clc.dau.mil.

Purchase Card Program

The Director of Defense Procurement, Deidre Lee, has advised that two DOD Charge Card Task Force recommendations have been completed. The first, an end-to-end Concept of Operations for the Purchase Card has been developed and published. Second, that standard training is developed for DOD cardholders, approving officials as well as certifying officials. To read the memo: www.abm.rda.hq.navy.mil/dodpurchasecard.pdf. For more information, contact Chuck Mills, POC, (703) 602-211.



PROGRAM FOCUS: Tomahawk Cruise Missile

The Navy's next generation of Tomahawk Cruise Missile, Tactical Tomahawk, took flight on two occasions in recent months, at the Naval Air Systems Command Pacific Test Range in southern Calif. as part of the contractor test and evaluation phase. On 23 Aug 02, the missile was launched vertically from a ground test stand, and transitioned to cruise flight for the land attack mission. For this flight, Tactical Tomahawk demonstrated two capabilities unique to this weapon system; in flight retargeting and satellite communication. On 10 Nov 02, the missile was launched vertically from a fixed underwater launcher. The missile broached the ocean's surface and successfully demonstrated shroud separation, rocket motor firing/separation and deployment of fins, inlet duct and wings. Additionally, the Tactical Tomahawk successfully demonstrated its enhanced GPS anti-jamming navigation performance. The Tactical Tomahawk, or Block IV, is the latest variant of the Navy's premiere cruise missile, due to reach the fleet in 2004. The Tactical Tomahawk will boast several enhancements including mission planning onboard the launch platform, in-flight retargeting, loiter and battle damage assessment capability, and in-flight health and status reports. These capabilities increase fleet effectiveness, while significantly reducing acquisition and life-cycle costs. For more information call Sandy Schroeder, POC, at (301) 757-5289.

KUDOS

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk Detachment Washington Postal Operations Division received the Federal Mail Center of Excellence Award for 2002. The detachment operates the Navy Postal Consolidation Facility at Naval District Washington's Anacostia Annex. This award is presented each year as a result of a nationwide competition that is part of the General Services Administration's Federal Mail Best Practices Program.

Upcoming Events

24-27 Feb 03 Software Engineering Process Group (SEPG) Conference, "Assuring Stability in a Global Enterprise", Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA [www.sei.cmu.edu/products/events/sepg]

25-28 Feb 03 Expeditionary Force Projection Conference, Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center, Biloxi, MS [www.ss.northropgrumman.com/asne]

27-28 Mar 03 Department of Defense Budget Conference, Rosslyn Holiday Inn, Arlington, VA [www.aviationweek.com/conferences/defmain.htm]

For an expanded list of the upcoming events and additional details, visit www.acquisition.navy.mil/events.cfm.

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